

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Bernhard DEHMER

Serial No. 09/672,038

Filed: September 29, 2000

For: VALVE FOR LIQUID SEPARATION

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 THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
 Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

 No additional fee is required. Also attached: attachments to Amendment

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

|  | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE     | FEE       |
|--|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Total Claims                                     | 44            | 44                          | 0            | x \$18 = | --        |
| Independent Claims                               | 3             | 3                           | 0            | x \$84 = | --        |
| If multiple claims newly presented, add \$260.00 |               |                             |              |          |           |
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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: **RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**  
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Honorable Commissioner of  
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Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of January 28, 2002, please amend the referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 15 as follows:

15. (amended) A valve for liquid separation, especially for analytical or preparative liquid chromatography, comprising a valve body having an inlet and at least two outlets, a sealing element coupled with the inlet and outlets, the sealing element